

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 14 of Applicants' specification, with the following amended paragraph:

In some embodiments, a ventilation system such as that shown in FIGS. 3 and 4 will draw hazardous fumes from the vicinity of each processing tank in the drawer assemblies 6 by an exhaustion device that may comprise dedicated ducts 122, 123. These ducts will feed a manifold 121 running along the rear of the instrument. The ventilation system may further comprise a fan in an air inlet opening in the housing frame 4 through which air may be exchanged. A separate ventilation system for an electronic chassis of the system may be similarly isolated having independent air input and output vents. Each of these systems has independent air input and output air vents. At one end of the manifold, a centrifugal blower will exhaust the fumes to an exit port that may be connected to the facility hood/exhaust system.